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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report [a] of the Chief Conservator of Forests with its enclosure is appended.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the agricultural implements were supplied to a very little extent in East and South Kurnool divisions, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to order that the contractor should supply at the stipulated rates not merely at the edge of the coupes but elsewhere also ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Appointment of a committee to enquire into the forest grievances of ryots in this Presidency.

*286 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action he has decided to take on the resolution of this Council that a committee should be appointed to inquire into the forest grievances of the ryots in this Presidency ?

A.—The Government do not at present propose to take any action.

Improvement of the financial prospects of the Chenat Nair and Mount Stuart forests.

*287 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for improving the financial prospects of the Chenat Nair and Mount Stuart forests ?

A.—The question of the improvement of the financial prospects of Mount Stuart forests is now under consideration. As regards Chenat Nair, the Government have ordered that the Olavakkode Saw Mill should be closed with effect from 1st November 1929.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how the Government propose to dispose of the Saw Mill after the 1st November 1929 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That is under consideration ; this is a point on which the Government have not come to a conclusion yet."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Apart from the Saw Mill, may I know what will become of the other operations of this scheme ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The whole thing is connected with the Saw Mill. There is no other scheme."

Commercial undertakings in the Forest department.

*288 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased

(i) to furnish a list of the various schemes under the Forest department which are treated as commercial undertakings ; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 583–588 infra.